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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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**TITLE:** Network System, Communication Device, and Communication Routing  
Method

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Application - 16 pages of Specification, 7 pages of Claims and 1 page of Abstract  
13 Sheets of informal drawing(s)  
Declaration (unexecuted)

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